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His Majesties
M E S S A G E

TO
The House of **C O M M O N S**:
C O N C E R N I N G

An Order made by them for the borrow-
ing of one hundred thousand pounds of the
Adventurers Money for

I R E L A N D.

Together with the **A N S V E R**

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The House of Commons in Parliament thereunto.

O R d e r e d by the Commons in Parliament, That this Message and
Answer be forthwith printed and published.
H. Elfyng, Cler. Par. D. Com.

September 20.

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His Majesties Message to the House of COMMONS.



His Majesty taking notice of an Order lately made by the House of Commons whereby that House hath unduely assumed to themselves Authority to order, direct, and dispose of one hundred thousand pounds, part of those monies which the Adventurers for the reducing of the Rebels of Ireland have paid to that end, only to that purpose. To other uses and intents contrary to the expresse words of the Act of Parliament concerning the same; wherein it is enacted, That no part of the money which should be paid in according to that Act, shall be employed to any other purpose then the reducing of those Rebels untill they shall be declared to be subdued; out of His piety and Princely care for the confirming and re-establishment of Gods true Religion in that His Kingdome of Ireland; for the reliefe of His distressed Subjects there for the suppressing of that horrid and bloody Rebellion, for the supply and payment of his Armies there, now in great want and necessity. Doth strictly require the House of Commons, as they will answer the contrary to Almighty God His Majestie, and those that have trusted them, That they immediately retract that mischievous Illegal and unjust Order wherein His Majestie expecteth their speedy Answer and Obedience; And the rather that he may thereby be secured that such part of the four hundred thousand pounds as is or shall be collected from His good Subjects of England, by vertue of the late Act of Parliament whereby the same is granted may not likewise (under false pretences) be diverted from its proper use, for which it was intended and mis-employed to the disturbance of the Peace of this Kingdome in a warre against His Sacred Majestie.

THE
ANSWER
OF
The House of Commons
TO
HIS MAJESTIES MESSAGE.



THE House of Commons having received a Message from His Majestie of the 13 of August last, whereby they are required to retract an Order made by them for the borrowing of one hundred thousand pounds of the Adventurers Money for *Ireland*, supposing that Order very prejudiciall to the affaires of *Ireland*, and contrary to an Act of Parliament made this present Session; Do in the first place declare, That these directions given by His Majestie for the retracting of this Order, is an high breach of Priviledge of Parliament; And that they cannot without a deepe sense of sorrow, call to minde how Popish and Prelaticall Counsels did so farre prevaile with His Majestie, that two Armies were brought within the bowels of this Kingdome, and two protestant Nations ready to welter in each others blood; That when both those Armies had beene a long time defrayd at the charge of the poore Commons of England, and at length by Gods blessing upon the endeavours of the Parliament quietly disbanded, the same wicked Counsels (prevented of that designe) did soone after raise this bloody and barbarous Rebellion, in *Ireland*: The suppressing whereof (for the better colour) was recommended to the care of the Parliament; who out of fellow-feeling of the unspeakable miseries of their protestant Brethren there (not suspecting this horrid plot, now too apparent) did cheerfully undertake that great worke, and doe really intend and endeavour to settle the Protestant Religion, and a permanent peace in that Realme, to the glory of God, and the great honour and profit of his Majestie, and security of his three Kingdome; But how they have beene discouraged, retarded, and diverted in and from this pious and glorious worke, by these traitorous Counsels about His Majestie, will appeare by many particulars, some whereof they shall upon this just occasion call to remembrance.

That when the Lords and Commons, had upon the first breaking out of the

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Rebellion, immediately provided and sent over 20000. L. And engaged themselves and the whole Kingdome for the reducing of the Rebels: Yet his Majesty after his returne from Scotland to London, was not either pleased by Word or Message to take notice of it, untill after some in the House of Commons had truly observed how forward those mitchievous Counsellors were, to incite His Majesty against His Protestant Subjects of Scotland, and how slow to relent the Proceeding of His Papist Traitors in Ireland.

That although the Rebels had most impudently stiled themselves, *The Queens Army*; And profest that the cause of their rising was, to maintaine the Kings Prerogative, and the Queens Religion, against the Puritane Parliament of England; And that thereupon both Houses of Parliament did humbly and earnestly advise His Majesty to wipe away this dangerous scandall, by proclaiming them Rebels and Traitors to His Majesty, and the Crowne of England, which then would have marr'd and weakened the Conspirators in the beginning; And have encouraged both the Parliament here, and good people there, the more vigorously to have opposed their Proceedings: Yet such was the power of those Counsels, that no Proclamation was set forth to that purpose, till almost three Moneths after the breaking out of this Rebellion, and then command given, that but 40 should be printed, nor they published till further directions should be given by His Majesty.

That after both Houses of Parliament had found out a probable way to reduce the Kingdome of Ireland, by the adventure of private men, without any charge to the Subject in generall, and which they are very confident would have brought in a million of money (had His Majesty continued in or near London) those malicious Whisperers, that durst not hinder the passing of the Bill, which was so specious in it selfe, and so generally approved: Yet have by practise, by drawing His Majesty from His Parliament, by keeping him at this distance, and advising him to make warre upon His people, so intimidated and discouraged the Adventurers and others that would have adventured, that they have rendered that good Bill in a manner ineffectuall.

That the Parliament and Adventurers had long since designed five thousand Foot, and five hundred Horse for the reliefe of *Munster*, to be sent as a Brigade, under the command of the Lord *Wharcon*; had made choice, and listed all the Commanders, and prepared Money, Armes, and other provision for that Expedition, and all to be at the charge of the Adventurers; And when nothing was wanting but a Commission to the Lord *Wharton*, to inable him for that service, such was the power of those Counsels, that no Commission could be obtained from his Majesty; by reason whereof *Lymricke* was wholly lost, and the Province of *Munster* is now in very great distresse.

That when divers pious and well affected persons had prepared twelve Ships, and six Pinnaces, with a thousand or more Land-forces, at their owne charge,

by way of Adventure for the service of *Ireland*, and desired nothing but a Commission from His Majesty to enable them thereunto, that Commission after twice sending to York for the same, and the ships lying ready to set saile for three weeks together, at the charge of neere three hundred pounds a day, was likewise denied; and those Adventurers (rather than to lose their Expedition) were constrained to go by vertue of an Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament.

That although the Lords Iustices of Ireland have three months since earnestly desired to have two Peeces of Batterie sent over, as verie necessarie for that service, yet such Commands are given to the Officers of the Tower, that none of his Majesties Ordnance must be sent to ~~serve~~ his Majesties Kingdome, that although whilst the Earle of Leicester stayed here in the service of the Parliament, and in providing for his long expected voyage into Ireland, a message was sent to the Parliament from his Majestie to hasten him away, and letters were written to the said Earle from his Majestie, that he should make no stay at York for his dispatch, but that his instructions should be ready for him against he came: And although it is notoriously knowne, that the affaires of Ireland doe exceedingly suffer by wanting the personall assistance of a Commander in Chiefe, to give both life and motion to the Army there; yet the said Earle hath beene stayed with his Majestie in the North a moneth and more, and yet can get no dispatch; That notwithstanding the bleeding condition of Ireland, yet divers Commanders and Officers in pay. and in actuall employment there against the Rebels, have been called away from that important service, by the expresse Command of his Majestie, as *Charles Lloyd* Enginer, and Quarter-master generall of the Army in Ireland, and divers others That Captain *Greene*, Comptroller of the Artillerie, a man in pay, and principally employed and trusted here by the said Lievtenant of Ireland, for the providing and ordering the traine of the Artillerie which was to be sent to Dublin, and who had received great sums of money for that purpose, was commanded for that employment and trust to serve his Majestie, in this most unnaturall war against his loyall and best affected people. That the Parliament having made great provision of clothes for the poore Souldiers in Ireland for their present succour, and sending six hundred suits, part thereof towards Chester the last weeke, the man that undertooke the carriage of them, one *William Whitaker* by name, was assaulted by his Majesties Cavalliers then lying about Coventry, who took away those six hundred suits of Clothes, and the waggon and horses of the poore man, although they were told that the six hundred suits of Clothes were for the Souldiers in Ireland, and notwithstanding the poore Carrier was five times with the Earle of Northampton, to beg a release for his waggon That three hundred suits of Clothes, with a Chirurgeons Chest with Medicaments, being likewise sent for Ireland by one *Richard Owesell*, who was employed by the Parliament to carrie them to Chester, a Troop of his Majesties Cavalliers, under the command of one Captaine *Middleton*, met with them upon the Road, and tooke

tooke away the Cloathes and Chirurgeons Chest, together with the poore Carriers Horses and waggon, for his Majesties pretended service here.

That great number of draught Horses prepared by the Parliament for the Artillerie and Baggage of the Irish Army, were sent to Chester for that purpose, and being there attending a passage, are now required by his Majestie, for his said present service in England.

That his Majesties Forces are so quartered in and about the common Roads to Ireland, that neither Money, Clothes, Victuals, or other provisions can passe thither by land with any safetie. That Captaine *Keitleby* the Admirall, and Sir *Henry Stradling* the Vice Admirall, of those ships that were directed to lye upon the Coast of Ireland, to annoy the Rebels, and to prevent the bringing to them Ammunition and releefe from forraigne parts, are both called away from that employment by his Majesties command, and by reason of their departure from the Coast of Munster, to which they were designed, the Rebe's there have received powder, Ammunition, and other releefe from forraigne parts, by which and many other particulars too long to relate, it may seeme as if those barbarous Irish Rebels are kept on foot, and countenanced there of designe to assist the Northerne Cavaliers, and according the Earle of Straffords unheard of advice, to have an Army in Ireland, with which his Majestie may reduce this Kingdome, especially considering those confident Rebels have presumed verie lately to send a petition to his Majestie, entituling themselves, his Majesties Catholike Subjects of Ireland, and complaining of the Puritane Parliament of England, and desiring that since his Majestie comes not thither according to their expectation, that they may come into England to his Majestie, which Petition wee may justly feare, is but a Prologue to that Tragedie they have designed to act here, in case their comming over be not prevented by the care and vigilancie of the Parliament, and good people of England.

But lest the House of Commons might seeme to excuse the making of this Order by a way of recrimination, They for a satisfaction to the world, protest before Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, that they have as great compassion and sorrow for the present sufferings of their distressed brethren in Ireland, as if themselves were in their case (into which they are confident, those horrid Traytours, those Monsters of men about his Majestie do labour to bring this Kingdome) that they have and shall ever really endeavour by all meanes possible (with a due regard to the present estate of this Kingdome) to supply and support them in this their great affliction, notwithstanding the malice and obstructions of all opposers. That the Houle of Commons lively apprehending the imminent danger of this Kingdome, and finding that whilst they were active here to subdue the Rebels of Ireland, there were Papists, Traytors & delinquents more active in the North parts to conquer & destroy the Parliament & good people

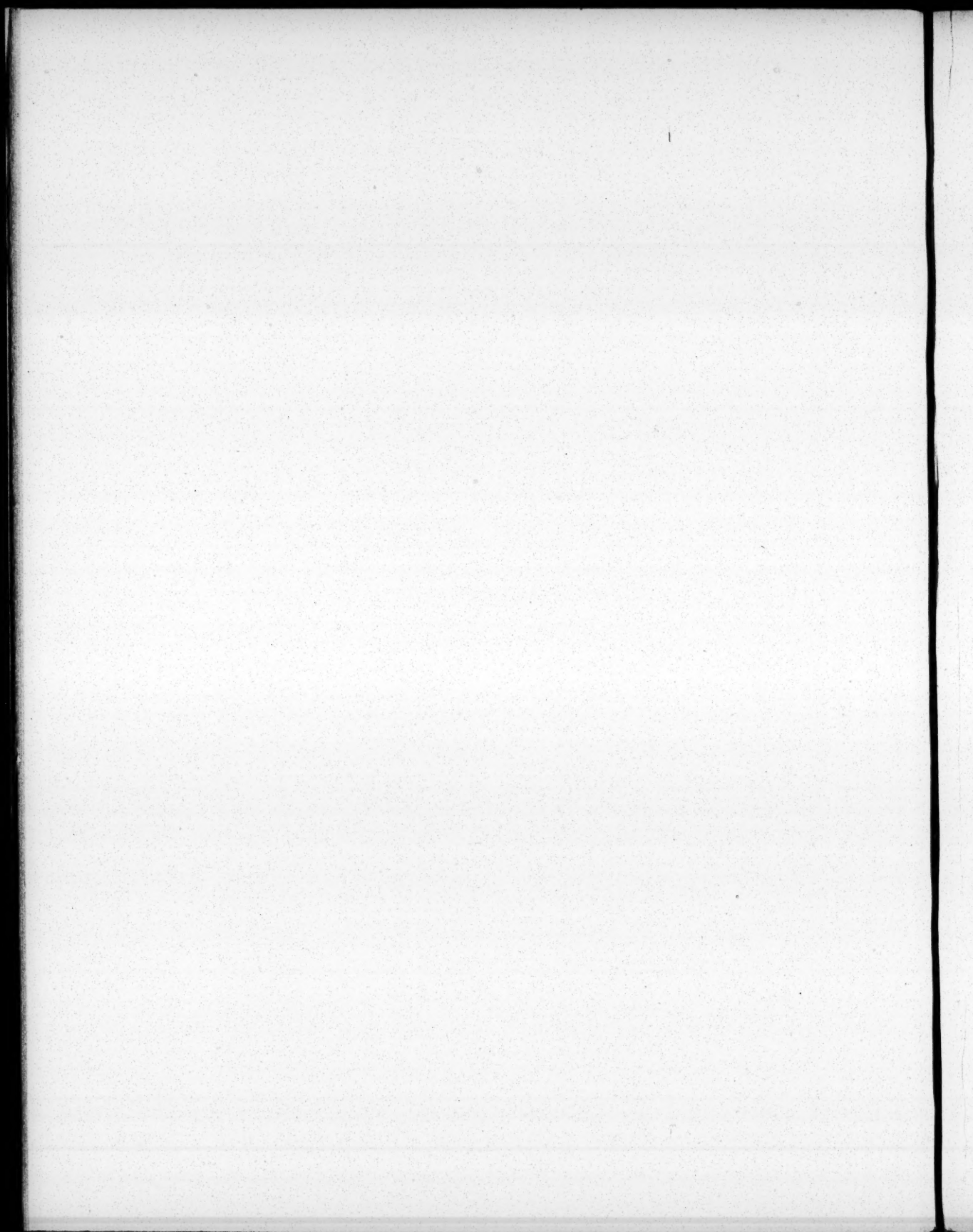
ple of England, thought it necessary to provide for the safety of both, by preparing a competent Army for the defence of King and Kingdome; and although multitudes of well affected persons had cheerfully brought in great store of Plate for that purpose; yet in regard the Plate could not be coyned with such expedition, as the importance of the service did require, and well knowing that one hundred thousand pounds might for a short time be borrowed out of the Adventurers money for Ireland, without any prejudice to the affaires of that Kingdome, whose subsistence depends upon the welfare of this, and resolving to make a reall and speedy re payment of what money should be so borrowed, did make this Order; which that it may appeare to all the world to be neither mischievous, illegall or unjust (as His Majesty by the instigation of those malignant whisperers is pleased to tearme it) the House of Commons thought fit to recite in *hec verba*; and in stand of retracting the Order, to repay the money with all possible speed.

The thirtieth day of *July*, one thousand sixe hundred forty two; It is this day ordered by the Commons House of Parliament, that the Treasurers appointed to receive the moneyes come in upon the Subscriptions for Ireland, doe forthwith furnish by way of loane, unto the Committee of the Lords and Commons for the defence of the Kingdome, the summe of one hundred thousand pounds for the supply of the publicke necessity for the defence of the King, Parliament, and Kingdome, upon the publicke faith to be repaid duely and carefully within so short a time, that it shall not be diverted from the purpose, for which it was intended, or any way frustrate the Acts already made in the behalfe of that Adventure. By which order, and that which hath been here truly set downe, it will easily appeare to all the indifferent people of his Majesties three Kingdomes, whether the King and his Cavaliers, or the King and his Parliament, doe most affect and endeavour the settling of true Religion, and a firme and constant peace within that bleeding Kingdome.

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